

## **BRITAIN'S LARGEST MULTI-HEADED DIE**

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Slopers produced a machine (delivered 17 February 1926) for British Thompson-Houston, the base for which measured a massive 26 inches by 7 inches. It was fitted with a 12x5 multiheaded die and produced the perfin 'B/TH'. British Thompson-Houston became a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated Electrical Industries in about 1945, so when AEI was reconstructed into product divisions (1 January 1960) the B/TH perfin was replaced by one reading 'A/EI'. Hence there are two perfins, which hold the title of having come from Britain's largest multi-headed die. Unfortunately, although the A/EI perfin remained in use until c1969, the fate of the machine is unknown.

